



April 2, 2007 – 6:30 pm  
City Hall – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Kirk Beck, Sally Cernie, Christina Duran, Dan Gressmann, Gurumantra Khalsa, Steven Kirkpatrick, Michael Pierpoint, Taffi Romero, Erin Snyder, Bernice Tank, John Williams, Nancy Hart

**Members Excused:** Albert Figueroa, Wivory Brandle, Kathye Crumley, Susie Doss

**Members Unexcused:**

**Guests:** Manny Leon, Doris Williams, Norm Gritton, Aurora Chavez, Jeff Kraus, Cindy Jensen

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis, Housing and Neighborhoods Manager  
Bruni Mercado, Neighborhoods Project Assistant

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – Dan Gressmann called meeting to order at 6:37pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes for March 5, 2007**

Kirkpatrick/Romero moved to approve minutes - carried.

3. **Visiting Councilmember**

Gurumantra Khalsa took over meeting at this point. Andy Melendrez gave brief report on neighborhood group activity in Ward 2. Currently there are 5 formalized groups in the Eastside neighborhood and he hopes to increase the number throughout the year.

4. **Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods**

Steven Kirkpatrick questioned spray painting vehicles on residential street – health issue. It was recommended that he call Code Enforcement.

5. **Mayor's Neighborhood Needs/Assets Assessment and Diagnosis Report**

Manny Leon gave brief summary of the Neighborhood Needs/Assets Assessment & Diagnosis Report and questioned if the board supported the concept. Erin Snyder questioned: How would the concept be implemented? Who will go out to neighborhoods to gather information? Manny responded that the information could be retrieved from the 311 Call Center reports, Police Department crime reports, and Code Enforcement statistics. Steven Kirkpatrick questioned why the Mayor needed the board's endorsement of the concept. Manny explained that the Mayor seeks community leader's voices/input regarding projects that affect them. Manny also mentioned that elements of the report are not set in stone.

Dan Gressmann made motion for a conditional endorsement – seconded by Christina Duran. Motion carried.

## **6. Housing & Neighborhoods Report**

### **a) 2007 Neighborhood Conference**

Bruni gave brief update of the Neighborhood Conference and announced that Neighborhood Awards Ceremony would take place at this year's conference at end of day (4pm). The Neighborhood Pride Award has been replaced with the Neighborhood Spirit Award due to lack of response. Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Nomination Forms were passed out as well as informational postcard for Neighborhood Conference. Conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Cal Baptist University from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### **a) Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Caucuses**

Steven Kirkpatrick reported items discussed at subcommittee meeting. In regards to RNP Caucuses, the subcommittee decided that the procedure for bringing alternates not present at the caucuses onto the board needed to change. This would require a possible change to the bylaws.

Motion was made for subcommittee to write out new procedure for bringing alternates not present at caucuses onto the board – carried.

Application process for a seat on the board by a new member or alternate not present at the caucuses was discussed. Application would be written up by subcommittee and sent out via e-mail for approval to RNP board members. Applications would be reviewed by the board and kept on file.

Erin Snyder made motion to approve application process, seconded by Gurumantra Khalsa – carried.

### **b) Neighborhood Awards**

No discussion

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

None

## **9. Other Items/Public Comment**

Erin Snyder asked for assistance from board members of Area 5 (La Sierra) to staff a booth at the La Sierra Community Partnership Summit on April 4, 2007, at La Sierra Park Gym. Dan Gressmann volunteered.

It was suggested that RNP informational brochures could be taken to events in different neighborhoods by RNP members. Bruni provided copies of brochures.

Christina Duran announced Easter Egg Hunt with Community Health Foundation on April 8, 2007.

Jeff Kraus of UCR was voted in as a representative for education on the RNP board. Jeff gave a short speech about himself before being voted in.

## **10. Next Meeting**

Meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2007 – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and minutes were prepared by Housing & Neighborhoods Office staff.